

PRELIMINARY LOSS REPORT 05164

MOTORCYCLE CRASH CLAIMS 1 SOLDIER'S LIFE – ACCIDENT

A Joint Multinational Readiness Center Soldier died on 25 September 2005 at 1425 local from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident that occurred on 24 September 2005 at 2110 local in Velburg, GE. The 33 year-old SFC departed his family quarters, on a 1991 Suzuki motorcycle, without a helmet or other required protective equipment. The NCO failed to negotiate a right hand curve, left the road, and impacted a tree. The SFC sustained massive head injuries and was pronounced dead the next day at a local hospital. The NCO completed a Motorcycle Safety Foundation course in May of 2004.

Including this accident, there were **130** Class A-C Army **Privately Owned Motorcycle and All Terrain Vehicle (ATV)** accidents from the start of FY05 to 24 September 2005, resulting in **42** Soldier deaths.

Don't let this happen in your formation. Consider these actions to help prevent motorcycle accidents:

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- **Ensure Soldiers wear DOT approved helmets (IAW [DODI 6055.4](#), page 12, Enclosure 3, para E3.2.7.1.1).**
- **Emphasize the importance of wearing required personal protective equipment when operating a motorcycle by having your Soldiers view the video by the riders of the [US Army pro-stock motorcycles](#).**

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